

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Brian Hoven, on March 23, 2017 at 3:12 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)  
Sen. Nels Swandal, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch  
Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 444, 3/14/2017

Executive Action: HB 444 - Be Concurred In

00:00:01 Chairman Hoven

**HEARING ON HB 444**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:40 Rep. Ray Shaw (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 444, Redirect Jefferson Slough fund distribution for milfoil mitigation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:09 Mark Bostrom, administrator, Conservation and Resource Development Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:02:52 Ted Dodge, watershed coordinator, Jefferson River Watershed Council (JRWC)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:03:53 Sen. Sands

00:04:11 Mr. Bostrom, DNRC

00:04:48 Sen. Sands

00:04:54 Sen. Olszewski entered the meeting.

00:05:00 Mr. Bostrom

00:05:12 Sen. Sands

00:05:16 Mr Bostrom

00:05:25 Sen. Sands

00:05:28 Mr. Bostrom

00:06:09 Sen. Sands

00:06:19 Mr. Bostrom

00:06:59 Sen. Sands

00:07:02 Chairman Hoven

00:07:14 Mr. Bostrom

00:07:22 Mr. Dodge, JRWC

00:11:37 Sen. Lang

00:12:01 Rep. Shaw

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:12:15 Rep. Shaw

00:13:26 Sen. Lang left the meeting.

**Committee Business**

00:14:28 Chairman Hoven

00:14:39 Sen. Sands

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 444**

00:14:45 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Swandal moved that **HB 444 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Lang, Sen. Moore and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Salomon will carry the bill.

**Committee Business**

00:15:48 Chairman Hoven

00:15:52 Sen. MacDonald

00:16:26 Chairman Hoven

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:31 PM

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Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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